mining in States Royalty for any mineral extracted or removed by the lessee in the leased area is collected and retained by the concerned State Governments.

(b) In view of "a" above, does not arise.

VRS in BALCO

140. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "VRS Abhi Lo Aur Bhugtan 10 Sall Main" appeared at page 11 of Rashtriya Sahara dated 4th August, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to protect the interest of the employees of BALCO?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Factual information is being verified.

Families displaced due to acquisition of land by MCL

141. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate on the number of families displaced due to the acquisition land by Mahanadi Coalfield Limited in various coal bearing areas in Orissa;

(b) whether Government have provided proper rehabilitation and compensation to those displaced persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) It has been estimated that 2737 families will be required to be displaced and resettled due to various coal mining projects of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Orissa, upto the end of 10th Plan period (2006-07).

(b) and (c) Out of the estimated 2737 families, 1364 families have already been resettled and rehabilitated properly. Rehabilitation/ resettlement of 348 families is in progress. Balance 1025 families shall be affected after 4-5 years, for which necessary action for rehabilitation will be taken at the appropriate time.

Benefits/compensation being provided to displaced families are as under:

(i) Cost of homestead and structure on it;

(ii) In addition, each family is provided with alternative house site measuring 100 sq. mtr in the rehabilitation site along with Rs. 2,000/- per family for resettlement at the new site of rehabilitation. This amount has now been increased to Rs. 5,000/- from 2001-2002.

Alternatively, one time site infrastructure development grant of Rs. 50,000/- per family is given for the families who have opted for resettlement of their own choice. This amount has now been increased to Rs. 60,000/- from 2001-02.

(iii) Employment as per scheme prepared by Government of Orissa.

Coal production at Talcher coalfield

142. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal produced during last year at Talcher coal-field;

(b) whether a new company is proposed to be established at Talcher, if so, by when; and

(c) the reasons of establishing a new company at Talcher?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) The quantity of coal produced from Talcher coalfield of MCL during the year 2001-02 was 33.103 million tonnes.

(b) and (c) Presently, Coal India Ltd. has no plan to establish a separate coal company for Talcher field.